

## HINGED TONNEAU COVER FOR TRANSPORTING A SIGNIFICANT TOP LOAD

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cover for the rear storage compartment of a pickup truck or similar vehicle having an open top storage compartment, the cover comprised of at least two panels made of a rigid material casing attached to structural members specifically designed to support and transport a significant load placed on top of the cover. At least one panel is substantially and removably secured to the top of the sidewalls of the rear storage compartment by attachment means that does not require drilling into any portion of the vehicle. In addition, all the non-substantially secured panels are lockable, and are hingedly and removably attached to the at least one substantially secured panel, providing secure and easy access to the rear storage compartment. The hinge attachment further allows for each non-substantially secured panel to be removed individually, providing alternative panel configurations for carrying large items. Finally, all panels work in conjunction with locking rods and water sealant devices to provide a substantially water resistant and secure cover.